

PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2882**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Kazuhiro ASADA

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the January 9, 2003 Final Office Action, and further to the February 13, 2003 personal interview between Applicant's representative and Examiners Kim and Kim, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1-4 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An optical connector comprising:

a housing having a cord receiving hole portion and a mounting hole, the cord receiving hole portion receiving an optical fiber cord to be inserted along an axis of said optical fiber cord in a cord insertion direction, the mounting hole disposed along said cord receiving hole portion; and

a stopper including a plate-like portion having a positioning slit between blade portions, the positioning slit having a width slightly smaller than a diameter of said optical